

St. Alphonsus College

REDEMPTORIST FATHERS
SUFFIELD, CONN. 06078

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Director
Office for Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
P. O. Box 8214
Washington, D. C. 20024

To the Director:

Saint Alphonsus College, the College seminary of the Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province and the Vice Province of San Juan, has been organized for the sole purpose of training young men for the Redemptorist priesthood and brotherhood.

We claim religious exemption under 45 C. F. R. , 86.12 because the Roman Catholic Church does not ordain women to the priesthood. Moreover, by its very nature, the Redemptorist brotherhood excludes reception of women into its ranks.



Very Rev. David J. Sharrock, C. SS. R.
President of the College
Rector of the Seminary

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